

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A weight apparatus to be used with a flexible fishing lure for attachment to a hook attached to a fishing line, comprising:

a weight member having a first and second end and a center axis which connects the first and second ends and defining a throughbore, positioned on the center axis and receives the fishing line, wherein the weight member tapers to a the first end and is ~~flattened on a~~ flat at the second end, which flat second end is perpendicular to the center axis; and

an optional tube within the throughbore, having a first and second tube end, extending from the first weight end to the second weight end and being flush with the flat second end, for receiving the fishing line,

coil means secured to the flat second end of the weight member for attaching the weight member to the lure and for receiving the fishing line, ~~said means consisting of a coil~~, whereby the fishing line is receivable in the throughbore and the coil for attachment to the hook.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The weight apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the coil means is a wire coil.

Claim 3 (Original): The weight apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second end has a recessed groove coaxial with the throughbore, said coil being glued within said groove.

Claim 4 (Original): The weight apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the weight member comprises tungsten.

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Claim 5 (Currently amended): The weight apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a the tube extending through the throughbore and being flush with the end of the throughbore at the second end.

Claim 6 (Original): The weight apparatus of claim 1, wherein the weight member is bullet shaped.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method of manufacturing a weight apparatus according to claim 1 to be used with a flexible fishing lure, comprising:

forming a throughbore in a weight member with a tapered first end and a ~~flattened~~ flat second end; and

securing to the flat second end of the weight member a coil means for attaching the weight member to the lure and for receiving the fishing line, ~~said means consisting of a coil.~~

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 7, further comprising forming a concentric recessed groove in the flat second end for receiving the coil means and which groove is coaxial with the throughbore, wherein said securing step further includes gluing the coil into the groove.

Claim 9 (Original): The method according to claim 7, further comprising securing a tube member in the throughbore flush with the end of the throughbore at the second end.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 7 6, wherein the weight member is bullet shaped.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A weight apparatus to be used with a flexible fishing lure for attachment to a hook attached to a fishing line, comprising:

a weight member defining a throughbore, wherein the weight member tapers to a first end and is flattened on a second end so that the flatten second end surface is perpendicular to the throughbore; and

a coil secured to the second end of the weight member for attaching the weight member to the lure and for receiving the fishing line, wherein the fishing line extends through and contacts the coil and extends through the throughbore, and wherein the coil does not enclose a tube structure, which is coaxial with the throughbore. [[.]]